

BLACKSBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT
News Release

DATE: April 29, 2006

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SUBJECT: Police Vehicle Accident

A Blacksburg Police Officer sustained minor injuries in an accident while responding to an emergency call.

On April 29, 2006 at 7:18 pm, Officer Fred Carlson was responding to an emergency call on Patrick Henry Drive. Officer Carlson was operating his police motorcycle with his emergency lights and siren activated and traveling east on East Roanoke Street approaching the intersection with Wharton Street. A Toyota SUV operated by Scott Cramer, 22, of Blacksburg failed to yield to the police vehicle and attempted to cross East Roanoke Street in front of Officer Carlson and continue south on Wharton Street. Officer Carlson attempted to stop, but a collision could not be avoided.

Officer Carlson was transported by the Blacksburg Rescue Squad to Montgomery Regional Hospital for minor injuries sustained in the crash and released. Mr. Cramer was uninjured and subsequently charged with fail to yield the right of way to an emergency vehicle. A court date is set for May 24th, 2006 in Blacksburg General District Court.

The damages to the police motorcycle are estimated at \$3,000 and the damage to the Toyota SUV is estimated at \$2,500.